

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 28, 2015

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 14, 2015 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending May 20, 2015 in the amount of \$ 280,048.92 and May 27, 2015 in the amount of \$ 312,224.20 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of May 14 – May 27, 2015
- Report from the Building Inspector's office May 22, 2015
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 18, 2015

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending May 22, 2015 in the amount of \$ 1,054,377.55 and May 29, 2015 in the amount of \$ 2,229,307.73 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. APPOINTMENT OF A FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

WHEREAS, The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity administers federal laws and establishes national policies to assure that all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh wishes to have an officer who will implement and enforce the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, recommends the appointment of Mark Hamilton as the Fair Housing Officer for the City of Plattsburgh; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark Hamilton be assigned to oversee that fair housing regulations are followed and act as the primary point of contact for all fair housing related issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said officer shall serve so long as it is mutually agreeable to the parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mark Hamilton take an oath of office within thirty days of his appointment and a copy of this Resolution be given to the Code Inspector's Office, the City Clerk's Office and the New York State Office for Community Renewal.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. CITY OF PLATTSBURGH FAIR HOUSING POLICY

Let it be known to all persons of the City of Plattsburgh that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law). It is the policy of the City of Plattsburgh to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

RESOLVED: that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the City's Fair Housing Officer.

RESOLVED: that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances. The City of Plattsburgh's Fair Housing Program will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posting applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) providing fair housing information to the public, City Code Inspector's Office and pertinent nonprofits; 4) reviewing and updating the City of Plattsburgh's 1993 fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Clinton Dederick to hold 'A Day of Medieval Fun' on August 22, 2015 from 8am-4pm at Waterhouse Park.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2015-10 "Painted Pavement Markings" be awarded to Straight Line Industries, Inc. for the Unit Bid price of \$93,150. Sufficient funding is available from the Public Works Contracted Services Budget.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2015-12 "US Oval Green Infrastructure Project" be awarded to Northern Snow & Dirt for the total price of \$112,000. Sufficient funding is available in the 2013 Stormwater Conveyance and Green Infrastructure Planning Project and the 2015 Storm Sewer Separation Project.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Engineering to advertise for sealed bids for Contract # 2015-13 "2015 or Newer 2000 GPM Aerial Platform with 600 HP Engine for Plattsburgh Fire Department."

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from City Engineer that the Mayor be authorized to sign Agreement "US Oval Green Infrastructure Project" for the cost not to exceed \$25,630. Sufficient funding is available in Capital project H5110.41 "2013 Storm Water Conveyance & Green Infrastructure Planning."

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: No

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Agreement "US Oval Green Infrastructure Project" for the cost not to exceed \$25,630. Sufficient funding is available in Capital project H5110.41 "2013 Storm Water Conveyance & Green Infrastructure Planning."

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: No

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend "Less Lethal Impact Munitions – Instructor Training" in Hampton, NH from June 9 – 10, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$979.04 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kelly voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend "All-Terrain Vehicle Basic Operator Training Course" in Pulaski, NY from June 8 – 9, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$415 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: No

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kelly voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend "All-Terrain Vehicle Basic Operator Training Course" in Pulaski, NY from June 10 – 11, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$415 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kelly voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend “Defensive Tactics Train the Trainer Course” in Onondaga, NY from June 7 – 12, 2015 and June 14 – 19, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2,724 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, O’Connell and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kelly and Kasper voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from City Engineer that the Mayor be authorized to sign Agreement “US Oval Green Infrastructure Project” for the cost not to exceed \$25,630. Sufficient funding is available in Capital project H5110.41 “2013 Storm Water Conveyance & Green Infrastructure Planning.”
(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter G)

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Calnon added the following resolution:

Now therefore it is hereby Resolved that the Common Council approves a proposed settlement, and authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement to this effect, to resolve a pending Article 78 Petition with Stephen Hunt, as petitioner and the City as Respondent whereby Mr. Hunt will voluntarily discontinue a 2014 tax valuation challenge, with no refund, and the City will agree to set the appraised value for 32 Club Road at \$196,500 for 2015.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: No

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Councilor O’Connell spoke about his concerns about local business and tax payers not being able to do city work specifically Lacquer Shop.

Councilor Dowdle spoke to Lacquer Shop and he is meeting with a city department next week about their body shop quotes.

Mayor Calnon indicated he would prepare a report about these questions.

Councilor Kasper said the Veterans Bridge dedication was a fabulous event.

Councilor Dowdle spoke about the training the Police Department and IT Department went to had to do with body cameras. Asked if there are any funds to maintain the body camera system.

Mayor Calnon spoke about the technology.

Councilor Kretser stated the Clinton County Legislature passed a resolution in support of Medical Marijuana facility in our area. They expressed interest in partnering with us on a Rail Road Quiet Zone.

Mayor Calnon asked who in the County Legislature would work on the Rail Road Quiet Zone.

Councilor Armstrong suggested Harry McManus.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:15pm